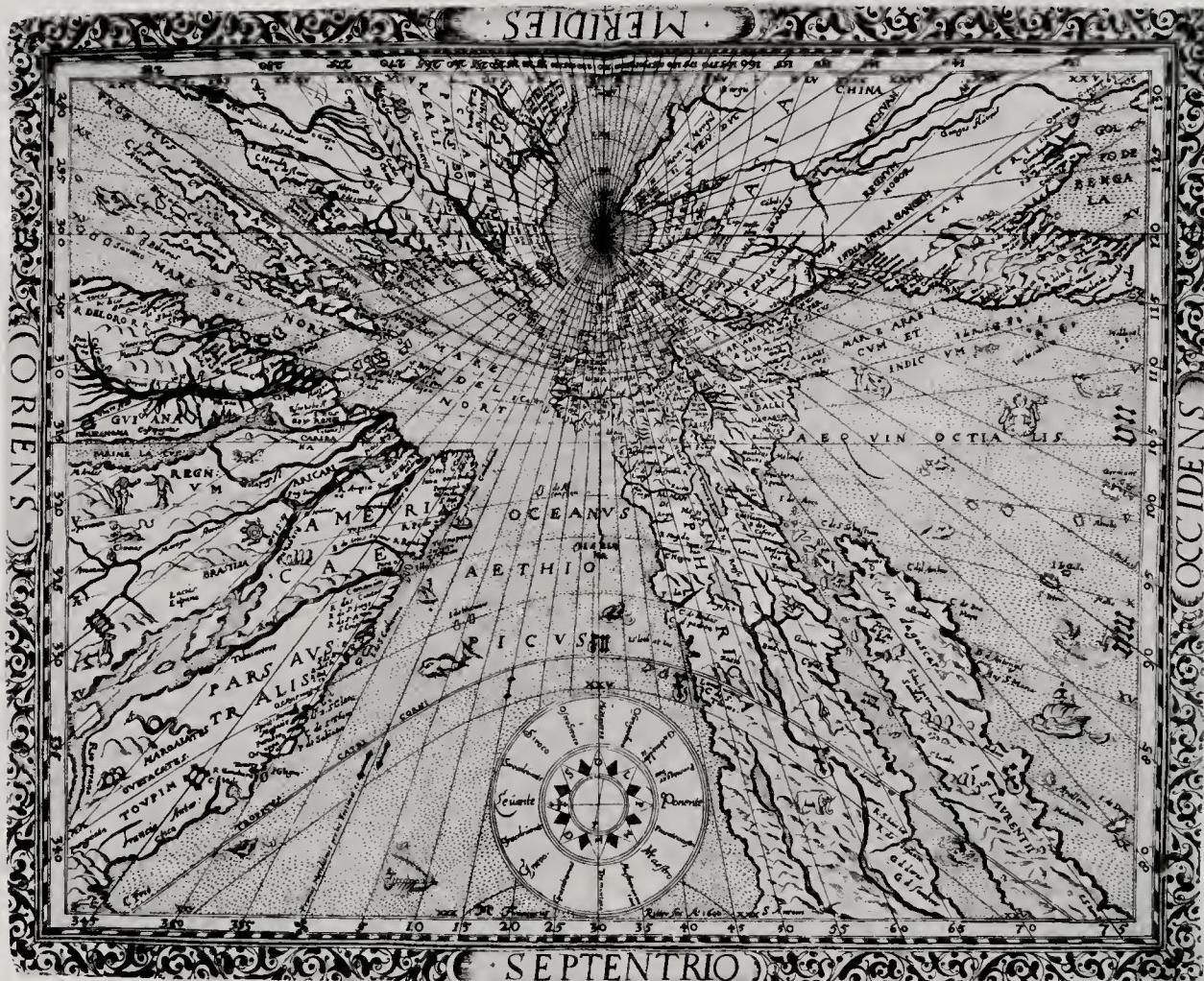


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Early Gnomonic Projection by D. Woodward

Why is the gnomonic projection so-called? A recent acquisition to the collection of the Newberry Library may give the answer. It is a map of the western hemisphere on the gnomonic projection, the earliest such use known to us, in M. Franciscus Ritter's Speculum

Courtesy The Newberry Library

Orbis (Nürnberg: Paul Fürstens, 1610). Ritter was a Nuremberg mathematician, and his book describes how to make sundials. The art of dialling, as it was called, was to become a favorite pastime in scholarly circles, and was to become an frequent part of the education of gentlefolk.

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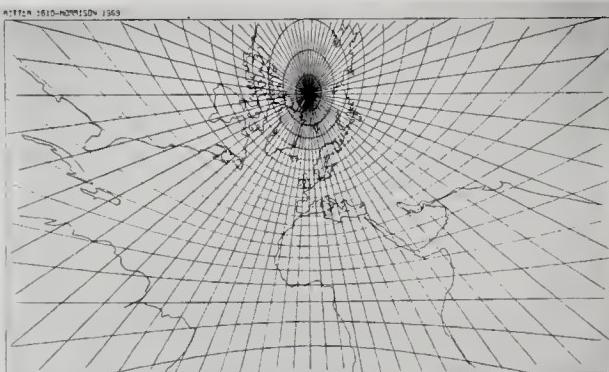
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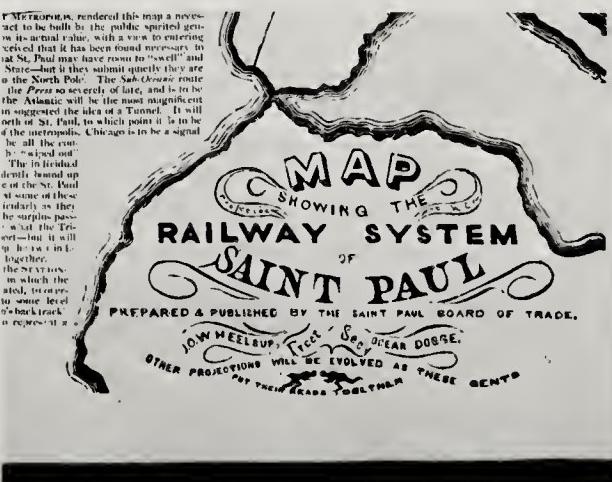


Courtesy of American Geographical Society

Dr. Douglas R. McManis has been appointed editor of the *Geographical Review*, the scholarly journal of the American Geographical Society.

Dr. McManis succeeded Dr. Sarah K. Myers as editor. Dr. Myers, now director of the A.G.S., was editor from 1973 until late 1978, when Dr. McManis assumed the position.

Dr. McManis received his Ph.D. in geography at the University of Chicago. He has taught at several universities, most recently at Teachers College, Columbia University. He has been a geographical consultant to the publishing firms of Alfred A. Knopf and Random House, the Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation and McGraw-Hill's film division. In addition to historical geography, his professional and research studies include the history of cartography and geographical education.



Cartouche on a map appearing in a Midwestern newspaper, published as a reaction to a map published by the *St. Paul Press*, January 1871. That is to say--there is more than one way of evolving a map projection--and as many reasons.

Chicago Map Society

The Chicago Map Society will sponsor a special series of lectures on 19th century mapmakers of Chicago, starting in April.

Lectures on five individuals or firms active in Chicago in the 19th century were commissioned by the Society in the summer of 1977, as a result of findings of the Midwest Map Catalog Project headquartered at The Newberry. During the catalog project thousands of maps of the midwest were cataloged, and hundreds of mapmakers were unearthed. It was decided to do biographical studies on a number of these mapmakers, chosen for their national prominence as well as for their representation of the various trades involved in the mapmaking business in Chicago at the time.

The following talks are planned:

"Alfred T. Andreas," Michael Conzen, University of Chicago.

"Charles Shober," Grant Dean, Chicago Historical Society.

"George Franklin Cram," Gerald Danzer, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle.

"Rufus Blanchard," Marsha Selmer, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle.

"Rand, McNally," Peter McQueen, Rand, McNally & Co.

The talks will be given at the regular monthly meetings usually held the fourth Thursday of each month at The Newberry. They are open to the public, but a \$1.00 refreshment fee is asked for non-members. The only talk presently scheduled is Alfred T. Andreas, which will be given at the May 24th meeting. Other talks are planned for the 1979-80 year. Gerald Jones, Program Director, Chicago Map Society, 60 W. Walton, Chicago, IL 60610, should be consulted for further information concerning scheduling.

A *Directory of 19th Century Mapmakers of Chicago*, also commissioned in the summer of 1977, is currently being compiled by Society members. Over 600 firms and individuals have thus far been identified with the aid of city directories and the Midwest Map Catalog. Further information on the directory is available from Marsha L. Selmer, Map Librarian, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, P.O. Box 8198, Chicago, IL 60680. The directory is planned for publication in 1980. It is hoped the mapmakers' lectures will be published.

CHRONICLE

Chronicle/Chronique, the newsletter of the Canadian National Commission for Cartography (NCC), is now being published at the Department of Geography, Carleton University. Information, cartographic news items, and subscription requests should be sent to the editor. Cost of a subscription of 4 issues a year is \$6.00.

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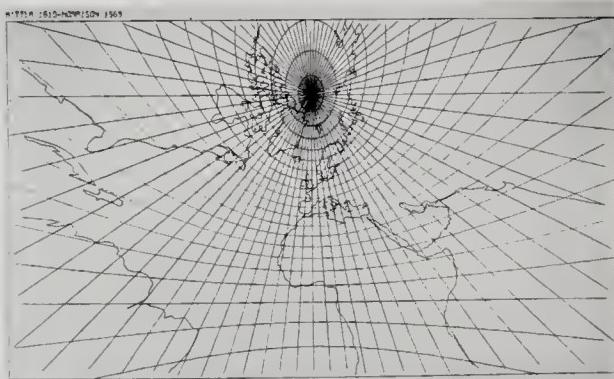
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Exhibitions

Manuscript Maps and Charts, Robert Douwma (Prints & Maps) Ltd., Great Russell Street store. Maps from Napoleon's administration in Italy, plans from the Board of Ordnance at the Tower of London, and the 1806 C.F. Beautemps-Beaupré atlas of the Yugoslavian coast featured. Illustrated catalog, Catalogue 20, Robert Douwma (Prints & Maps) Ltd., 93 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3QL. 13 November-2 December 1978.

Great Maps & Atlases of the Bancroft Library, Bancroft Library, San Francisco. Further information available from A. Philip Hoer, The Bancroft Library, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720. 12 March-9 June.

Exhibits at Museum of Art, Ann Arbor: *John Montresor in America, 1755-1778*, prepared by Douglas Marshall, Map Curator, Clements Library; *Decorative Imagery in Maps*, prepared by the Museum Practices Program; *Military Mapping in the 18th Century*, prepared by the staff of the Clements Library. Exhibit bulletin available from Ann Arbor Museum of Art, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. 20 April-26 May.

Die Welt Auf Alten Karten, Ausstellung in Zusammenarbeit mit Scandinavian Airlines System und Citibank, Burgerratssaal des Casinos, Bern, and Pavillon Werd der Schweizerischen Bankgesellschaft, Zurich. Illustrated catalog by Carl. E. Lindh, published by the Swiss Banking Society. For further information write Ulla Ehrensvärd, The Royal Library, Box 5039, S102 41 Stockholm 5, Sweden. 30 September-18 November 1978.

The Famous voyage of Sir Francis Drake, 1577-1580, Museum of Our National Heritage, Lexington, MA. Sixteenth-century documents, manuscripts, maps, prints, and memorabilia from The British Library and other institutions to commemorate the Anniversary of Drake's landing on the California coast 400 years ago. Sponsored by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Opening lecture, "Drake and the World Encompassed," by John H. Parry, Gardiner Professor of Oceanic History and Affairs, Harvard. Illustrated catalog, \$6.00 (75¢ U.S. postage), available from the Museum of Our National Heritage, P.O. Box 518, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02173. 28 January-15 May, Museum of Our National Heritage; 10 June-, Oakland Museum.

Obituaries

Historians of cartography and cartographers worldwide are saddened by the death of Brigadier Gardiner, who, after a career in the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain, became the Keeper of Maps at the Royal Geographical Society. He was a familiar figure at international scholarly meetings, and his mild, courteous, and kind manner will be greatly missed.

Chicago map enthusiasts have lost a fine colleague with the death of Christopher Legge. During his career with the British Foreign Service, he was posted to Fiji, and had the uncomfortable distinction of being included in the *Guinness Book of Records* for attaining the world's highest recorded temperature, a feat that caused constant amazement to new members of the Chicago Map Society and the Caxton Club, whose meetings he attended regularly. Also, as curator of Chicago Museum of Natural History, he introduced *Mapline* to polynesian stickcharts, featured in our first issue (March 1976).

Creature of the Quarter by Michael Kaplan



Our featured beastie for the spring is the dragon, a member of the snake family. In the Western world the dragon has had a bad press. Tiamit, Goddess of Chaos—who represented the evil principle to the ancient Mesopotamians—was a dragon. Dragons did not fare any better in Greece or Egypt either. St. Augustine likened the Devil to the dragon and as a result the medieval knights conducted an unending pogrom against the poor creatures.

In Asia the dragons were better off. To the Chinese and Japanese dragons were symbols of good fortune. Taoism regards the dragon as symbolizing a deified natural force. In classical China a dragon was the emblem of the Imperial family.

The dragon is usually portrayed as having a serpent-like body covered with scales, from two to four legs ending in talons, and a barbed tail. Some dragons have bat-like wings, and others are wingless. Dragons have been much used in heraldry and as battle-standards.

The dragon in our picture comes from the *Ebstorf* map (ca. 1250). This thirteenth century world map provides us with a spiritual rather than a tangible geography. The world is a disc floating in the cosmic sea. Jerusalem is at the center, and outside the grace-redeemed realms of Europe the world teems with marvels; some wondrous, others fearsome. The whole is embraced by and enveloped in Christ whose head appears at the top of the map, His outstretched hand on either side, and His feet at the bottom. The *Ebstorf* map is a perfect representation of the medieval Christian image of the world.

The medieval world-view has now been replaced by the so-called "modern scientific outlook" and, as a result, dragons are extinct. Know-it-all biologists asserted that dragons were a biological impossibility. This caused those few dragons who had survived the knightly slaughterers to fall into a deep and terrible depression and die. In the disenchanted modern world the dragon simply lost the will to live.

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Contributors

J.B. Post, A. Hoover, N.G. Grant, E. Thatcher, A. Draper, L. Magazine, D. Marshall, L. Story, W.K. Elias, C. Gold, A. Hughes, T. Campbell.

Recent Publications

"A celebration of cities." -- *American heritage*. -- vol. 30, no. 2 (February/March 1979), p. 14-[25]

"These immaculate and minutely detailed aerial [bird's-eye] views flattered the resident and attracted the investor."

Dictionary of mapmakers / R.V. Tooley ; preface by Dr. Helen Wallis. -- Hertfordshire : Map Collector Publications, Ltd., 1979 (f48.50 before June 1st; thereafter f61.00, Map Collector Publications Ltd., P.O. Box 53, Church Street, 48 High Street, Tring, Herts, HP23 5BH England)

The discovery and settlement of North America, 1500-1865 : a cartographic perspective / George Kish. -- New York : Harper & Row, 1978. -- (Harper & Row Media Program [203 slides + 16p. booklet]) (\$210.00 Harper & Row Publishers, Inc., 10 East Fifty Third Street, New York, NY 10022)

"...History of Watermarks" / by Bob Akers. -- *The Map Collector*. -- no. 6 (March 1979), p. 13-18.

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Map of the country between the frontiers of Arkansas and New Mexico : embracing the section explored in 1849, 50, 51 & 52 by Capt. R.B. Marcy 5th U.S. Infy. under orders from the War Department : [New Mexico detail]. -- [Washington : War Department, 185-] ([New York] : Ackerman lith.). -- Las Cruces, NM : Rio Grande Historical Collections, New Mexico State University Library, 1975 (\$2.00, Rio Grande Historical Collection, University Library, Box 3475, Las Cruces, NM 88003)

Maps and Atlases : a carto-bibliography / by G. Bridges, S.M. Hinton, J. Mason. -- Swansea : Students Union Print Room, University College, 1978 (f1.50, Mrs. Glenys Bridges, Department of Geography, University College, Swansea)

Victorian planners catalogue of maps and map sources / compiled by P.A.G. Alonso. -- Melbourne : University of Melbourne, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Town & Regional Planning, 1978. -- (Research paper ; 38) (\$2.00, Faculty Research Publications, Faculty of Architecture, Building and Town & Regional Planning, University of Melbourne, Parkville, 3052, Victoria, Aust.)

MCP Pub.

A new publication, MAPS CHARTS AND PRINTS, has recently come to our attention. It is devoted to articles and information on antique, modern maps and "related materials" including a "WANTED" and "FOR SALE" section aimed at the interest of the collector. Monthly, about 4 pages. The current number is vol. II, no. 4 (March 1979). Costs of yearly subscriptions are £1.44 (Great Britain), £3.00 (Overseas, Air Mail), £2.04 (Europe). Advertising is accepted. For further information write, N.M. MacKenzie, Editor, 5 West View, Hampstead, Ashford, Kent, England TN26 2HE.

\$748,000

The sale of the "Mercator Atlas of Europe" for at least \$748,000 (\$680,000 + \$68,000 commission) at Sotheby's on 13 March to an anonymous bidder raises some fascinating points. It had been on the market for at least nine years: it was offered to the Newberry Library in April 1970 for \$630,000 and in March 1974 for \$185,000, but we clearly could not justify its purchase at either figure. Why was it not bought at the lower price? Secondly, despite Sotheby's definite attribution ("Atlas of Europe compiled and annotated by Mercator"), it should be pointed out that the opinion of Dr. A.S. Osley that the handwriting is Mercator's has not been corroborated in print by the views of a trained independent paleographer. Neither have his views been denied, but for an atlas of such monetary value, a second opinion in the literature would seem appropriate. If the atlas finds its way into an institution, which is likely, perhaps further studies will confirm or deny the attribution. Thirdly, the publicity aroused by this momentous sale will no doubt stimulate other map owners to seek their fortunes, resulting in an increased supply of maps and atlases on the market; Skelton's statement of 1972 that "the attics of Europe are by no means cleaned out yet" is certainly still true. Whether the increased supply of material will moderate prices or not remains to be seen.

Facsimile Maps

The following facsimile maps are available for \$2.00 each from

Association of Canadian Map Libraries
c/o National Map Collection
Public Archives of Canada
Ottawa, ONT
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- No. 20. *A survey of the River Detroit* / Capt. W.F.W. Owen & Assistants. -- London, 1828.
21. *Niagara frontier : plan 2* / R.H. Stotherd et. al. -- Southampton, 1865.
22. *Map of the township of London* / H.R. Page & Co. -- Toronto, 1878.
23. *Map of proposed canal through the district of Niagara and Gore to form a junction of Lakes Erie and Ontario* / Commissioners of Internal Navigation. -- York, 1823.
24. *Sketch map of Upper Canada* / [Elizabeth Posthuma Simcoe]. -- [S.l., 179-]
25. *Straits of St. Mary and Michilimakinac* / London Magazine. -- London, 1761.
26. *Il Disegno del discoperto della Nova Franza* / Bolognino Zaltieri. -- Venetijs, 1566.
27. *Carte de la Nouvelle France* / H.A. Chatelein. -- Paris, 1719.

Calendar

- 17 March
California Map Society, University Center, University of San Francisco. Business meeting. Speaker: W. Michael Mathews, Department of History, "Photographing maps in Archives." Tour of Sutro Library by Richard Dillon, Sutro Librarian (Leonard Magazine, 201 Pershing Drive, Oakland, CA 94611)
- 22-24 March
First National Cartographic Conference, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India. Co-sponsored by the Department of Geography, Osmania University and the Centre for Survey training and Map Production, Survey of India (Shri Mohammed Ahmed, Geography Department, Arts College, Osmania University, Hyderabad 500 007 (AP), India)
- 28-30 March
Canadian Cartographic Association workshop on automated cartography programs, University of Alberta, Edmonton (Christopher Gold, Chairman, CCA Automation Interest Group, Department of Geology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, ALB T6G 2E3)
- 29-30 March
Western Association of Map Libraries spring meeting, U.S. Geological Survey, Menlo Park, CA (Larry Cruse, Map Section C-075p, University Library, University of California, La Jolla, CA 92093)
- 7 April
New York Map Society Meeting, Rare Book Division, New York Public Library. Speaker: Daniel Traitster, Rare Book Division, "Early maps and related materials in the Rare Book Division." (Werner K. Elias, The New York Map Society, P.O. Box 426, Rye, NY 10580)
- 19 April
Michigan Map Society meeting, Museum of Art, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Speaker: Lieut. Col. John Montresor, "Memoirs of a military family." (June C. Harris, Center for Afro-American and African Studies, 1100 S. University, Ann Arbor, MI 48109)
- 24 April
Cartography Special Interest Group of the Association of American Geographers meeting, 9-11 p.m., Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia. (Joel L. Morrison, Dept. of Geography, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706)
- 26 April
Chicago Map Society, The Newberry Library. Speaker: Charles O'Connor, Superintendent, Chicago Bureau of Maps and Plats, speaking on "Chicago's Computer Mapping Program." (John Long, Chicago Map Society, 60 W. Walton, Chicago, IL 60610)
- 5 May
New York Map Society meeting, American Museum of Natural History. Speaker: Cary Stewart Sklaren, "Maps of Manhattan: discovery to the Revolution." (Werner K. Elias, The New York Map Society, P.O. Box 426, Rye, NY 10580)
- 5 May
Michigan Map Society - Chicago Map Society meeting, The Newberry Library. Speaker: David Woodward, "Sixteenth-Century Map Printing in Italy and the Franco Novacco Collection of The Newberry Library." (John Long, The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton, Chicago, IL 60610)
- 22-24 May
Annual Meeting Canadian Cartographic Association, York University, Toronto (Mr. T.P. Wood, Head, Cartographer Section, Ministry of Transportation and Communications, East Building, 1201 Wilson Avenue, Downsview, ONT M3M 1J8)
- 23-24 May
20th Annual General meeting Ontario Institute of Chartered Cartographers, Toronto. Theme: Cartography-the Image of the Discipline." (A.G.M. Chairman, Box 5215, Postal Station "F", Ottawa, ONT)
- 23-26 May
Annual Conference Association of Canadian Map Libraries, Brock University, St. Catherines, ONT. Theme: The 150th Anniversary of the Welland Canal (Alun Hughes, Chairman Organizing Committee, Department of Geography, Brock University, St. Catherines, ONT L2S 3A1)
- 24 May
Chicago Map Society meeting, The Newberry Library. Speaker: Michael Conzen, Department of History, University of Chicago, "Nineteenth Century Mapmakers of Chicago: Alfred T. Andreas." (John Long, The Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton, Chicago, IL 60610)
- 10-15 June
70th Annual Conference Special Libraries Association, Honolulu. (Mary Larsgaard, Geography & Map Division, Chairman-Elect, Map Librarian, Arthur Lakes Library, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO 80401)
- 10-17 June
International Conference on Sir Francis Drake & the Famous Voyage, 1577-1580, San Francisco, Los Angeles. Sponsored by the Sir Francis Drake Commission, and the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Keynote speaker: Helen M. Wallis, British Library, "The Cartography of Drake's Voyage." (Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, University of California, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles 90024)
- 21-23 September
Eastern National Antiquarian Book Fair, Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD. (Bellman Promotions, Inc., Central Center, Exhibition Coordinator, P.O. Box 1113, Columbia, MD 21044)
- 24-28 September
3rd International Reunion for the History of Nautical Science and Hydrography, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich. Theme: 500 years of Nautical Science 1400-1900 (The Conference Officer, 3rd Intl. Reunion for the History of Nautical Science and Hydrography, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London, SE10 9NF)

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